

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY §  
COMPANY and STATE FARM MUTUAL §  
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY, §

Plaintiffs, §

v. §

CHARLES E. FITTS, JR., §

Defendant. §

CIVIL ACTION NO. H-95-5177

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
ENTERED

MAY 24 1996

**ORDER**

Michael N. Milby, Clerk

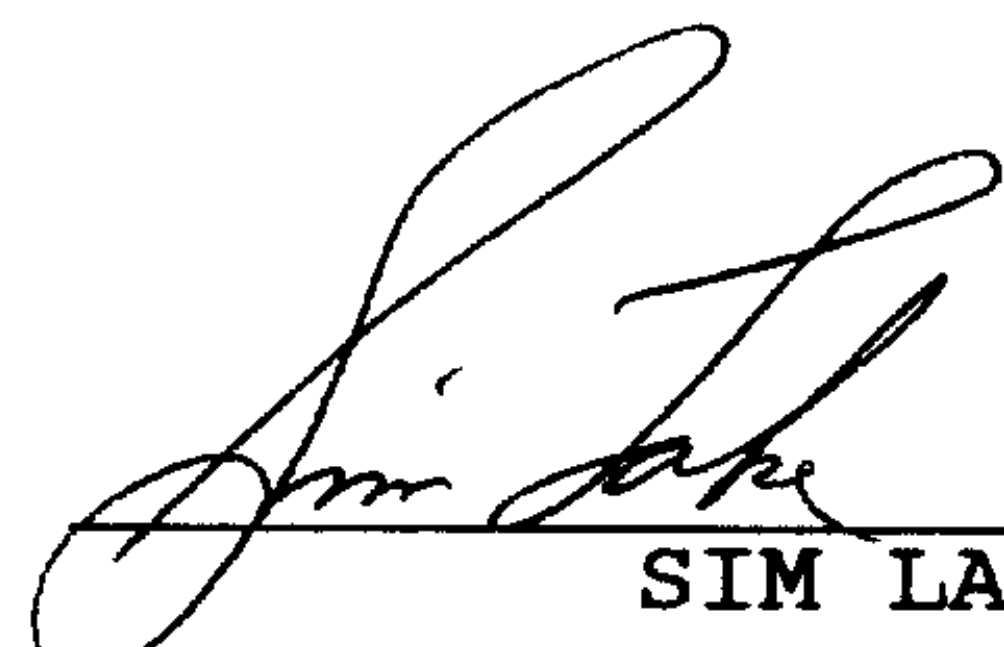
By letter dated May 10, 1996, pro se defendant, Charles E. Fitts, Jr., has requested that the court stay this action pending Fitts' appeal of his criminal conviction. The letter does not reflect that a copy was sent to opposing counsel. Even though Fitts is proceeding pro se he is nevertheless obligated to follow the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the rules of this court, both of which require that copies of any communications with the court be sent to opposing counsel. The clerk is **ORDERED** to docket Fitts' May 10, 1996, letter as a motion and to mail a copy of the letter to opposing counsel.

The initial pretrial and scheduling conference currently set for June 7, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. is **CANCELED**. The conference will be held on June 21, 1996, at 4:00 p.m. by telephone. Fitts is **ORDERED** to provide prison officials with a copy of this Order

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and to provide the court and opposing counsel with a telephone number within the prison at which he can be reached for purposes of the pretrial and scheduling conference. The court will initiate the telephone conference.

**SIGNED** at Houston, Texas, on this 23rd day of May, 1996.



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SIM LAKE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE